

# BUILDING ACTIVITY IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT

## BUILDING AND BUSINESS.

Activity Throughout the State in the Past Week.

The real estate market continues to be active. For the past week in the various towns reported by The Commercial Record, there have been 355 sales by warranty deed, with mortgage loans of \$904,033, as against 379 sales and mortgage loans of \$804,795 in the like week of 1914.

The six incorporations last week have aggregate capital stock of \$147,000, comparing with nine incorporations, with capital stock of \$2,271,000 in the same week of last year, and seven incorporations in 1913 with capital stock of \$352,000.

Petitions in bankruptcy continue to be low, but four petitions, with assets of \$3,297 and liabilities of \$7,922 being reported for the past week.

While there was a decided dropping off in the volume of building business last week from the week before, as shown by the building permits issued in the cities of New Haven, Bridgeport, Hartford, Waterbury and Stamford, there is every indication of a substantial amount of building during the week in the above named cities 126 permits for structures costing \$333,017 were issued.

New work contracted for last week included clubhouse in Meriden church in Ansonia, library in Seymour, hospital addition in Hartford, factory work in New Haven and Bridgeport, moving picture theatre in New Haven, four-story apartment block in Hartford, public garage in New Haven, residence work in New Haven, Hartford, Bridgeport, New London and Ridgefield, store and apartment building in Bridgeport, and an eight-room schoolhouse in Bridgeport.

Among the projects for which plans are being prepared or estimated are factory additions, store and apartment buildings, storehouse and a number of frame and brick residences in Hartford, theater and business block in Wallingford, boiler house and brick stack building for the boys' club, and many fine residences in New Haven, moving picture theater in Middletown, apartment building in New Britain, church in Waterbury, store and apartment block in New London, and a four-story brick and stone apartment house in New Haven. A great many one and two-family houses are also reported throughout the state.

Norwich had eight real estate sales last week to seven a year ago, while the loans for the two weeks were \$13,600 and \$9,500 respectively.

New London had fourteen real estate sales last week to five a year ago, the loans for the respective weeks being \$28,400 and \$11,500.

## BUILDING OPERATIONS IN NEW ENGLAND

Statistics of building and engineering operations in New England as compiled by the F. W. Dodge company follow:

Contracts to April 21, 1915 \$41,487,000  
Contracts to April 21, 1914 46,382,000  
Contracts to April 21, 1913 45,433,000  
Contracts to April 21, 1912 54,620,000  
Contracts to April 21, 1911 44,444,000  
Contracts to April 21, 1910 43,287,000  
Contracts to April 21, 1909 43,122,000  
Contracts to April 21, 1908 20,691,000  
Contracts to April 21, 1907 35,127,000  
Contracts to April 21, 1906 30,982,000  
Contracts to April 21, 1905 26,808,000  
Contracts to April 21, 1904 23,068,000  
Contracts to April 21, 1903 24,573,000  
Contracts to April 21, 1902 38,247,000  
Contracts to April 21, 1901 34,441,000

Old Lyme—A summer art class will be conducted this summer under the direction of Henry Rankin Poore, with headquarters for the class at Boxwood Manor.

## WORKING ON ROOF OF MAJESTIC

Building Will be Pushed Along to Completion—Foundation Started on Russian Orthodox Church—Work on Garages and New Residences.

At the new Majestic building, pouring for the cement roof will be started today (Thursday). The roof forms to a large extent are now placed, and forms for the interior pillars are now in position, and the remaining work will be pushing to completion. Section No. 1 is being plastered and will be finished off as soon as possible.

**Cement Block Garage.**  
George Greenberger is having a cement block garage, 22x25, erected in the rear of his residence on Laurel Hill avenue. The cement blocks measure 12x12x16, the roof and ceiling will be of fireproof material, and there will be sliding doors. The garage will be large enough to accommodate two automobiles.

**Foundation Started.**  
The foundation for the new Russian Orthodox church in Meriden, Conn., has been started and the erection of the church will be commenced in the near future.

**New Plate Glass Front.**  
A new plate glass front is being put on the second floor of the two-story wooden frame building on Franklin street belonging to the Frielwell estate. The old front has been largely torn out and work has been started on the new front. H. Blackledge & Company have the contract.

**Charles Brown to Rebuild.**  
Charles Brown is contemplating the erection of a handsome new residence at East Great Plain to replace the house which was totally destroyed by fire some weeks ago. The old foundation is intact and will probably be used for the new house. No definite arrangements have yet been made for the erection of the house.

**Completed and Occupied.**  
The house erected on Robbins Court for Herman S. Case is now completed and is occupied. The residence is of the bungalow type, 1 1/2 stories high and of wooden frame construction, with shingled sides. William McQuirk had the general contract in charge.

**Cellar Work Started.**  
Contractor Torrance started Wednesday morning on the excavation for the cellar of a new residence to be erected at East Great Plain.

**Nearly Covered In.**  
The placing of the rafters and ridge pole for the residence being erected on Sackem street for Henry G. Peck has been started and is well under way. The building will be soon covered in.

**Roofing Garage.**  
Contractor C. M. Williams has completed the roof work on the garage being erected for George W. Carroll of Broadway and the carpenters are now at work on the interior.

**Another Girder in Place.**  
The second section of the heavy iron girder has been placed in position at the Chapman block on Franklin square and will probably be bricked up this week. This section has been placed above the entrance to the east store and will serve as a support for the floor above. The interior changes are advancing. The work will require about three weeks more.

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A meeting of the members of the Middletown Yacht club was held recently. The funds have been nearly exhausted and the new clubhouse is practically assured. The plans prepared by Architect LeRoy F. Ward of New York were approved and the committee was authorized to go ahead as soon as the balance of about \$1,900 was subscribed.

## NEW LONDON

Plans for Almshouse Nearly Ready—Other Building Notes.

The plans for the proposed addition to the almshouse, which are being prepared by Architect Sweeney, will be out for estimates the first of the week. The plans provide for the erection of a new building on Jefferson street to be connected with the old building by a passage way. The new building will be of brick, 2 1/2 stories high, with a 10-foot basement, and will be heated by steam. The lighting will be by electricity and every convenience will be installed. There will also be some minor alterations to the interior of the old building.

**Plans for Block.**  
Architect Payne is drawing plans for a brick block to be erected on the corner of Bradley and Douglas streets for Max Meyer. The building will be of brick, with pressed brick side and end walls. The four stories high. The first floor will be equipped for two stores and the upper floors will be arranged for three apartments of seven rooms and bath each. The heating has not been decided upon.

**Notes.**  
Frank J. Alexander is building a two-family house in Spring street near Bank.

The excavating for the house for Mrs. Adams of New York at Neptune park, east of the Pequot avenue entrance, is in solid ledge and will require several weeks to complete.

H. R. Douglas, Incorporated's new office building, the exterior of which has been rebuilt in stucco, has been completed and the rear wall of a new brick shop on the former Denison & Brown property in Bank street has been nearly finished.

The former residence of F. M. Smith in Williams street near Cedar is being rebuilt to provide new tenements. The house for Hassan D. Hathaway, which was built under his own supervision, in Darrow street, has been completed.

**GROTON**  
Bids closed on April 26th for the addition to the office buildings of The New London Ship & Engine company. The plans, which were drawn by Architect Dudley St. Clair Donnelly, provided for a three-story frame and stucco structure, 70x33 feet, which will be heated by an extension from the present heating plant. Estimates for the plumbing, heating and electrical work will be received later.

**AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS**

**FRUIT TREES.**  
No Danger From Arsenate Spraying in the East if Proper Methods Are Used.

There has been much interest this spring in the possibility of fruit trees being injured or killed by the arsenate of lead which is used in spraying. Prof. H. T. Fernald of Amherst has been consulted on the matter and asked to write a short article on it, which follows:

The possibility of causing the death of fruit trees by repeated spraying with arsenical poisons has been considerably discussed during the last few years. The present claims that arsenic collected about the crown or collar of trees may damage or even kill them, and if this be correct, the wisdom of the present practice of spraying is called in question. This subject has been investigated by a number of workers since the appearance of Headen's article, and the results are now being published in the following general conclusions appear to have been reached:

1. The trees which apparently suffered from the arsenical spraying may in reality have been injured in other ways.

2. Alkaline seepage alone is sufficient to cause the death of fruit trees, at least in some cases.

3. Trees never sprayed and where alkaline seepage is present, and where sufficient quantities to be the killing agent, have died from injuries at the collar, in a similar way to those sprayed.

4. Where alkaline is present in any large amount it is probable that it might set free arsenic from the spray which collects around the crown and assist in injuring the tree.

There is thus far no evidence in the East where fruit trees have been sprayed with arsenical poisons for many years, of any injury resulting from the spraying, such as is claimed by Headen in the West. We have no such alkaline soils as are found in many parts of the West, and if the arsenical is really responsible for the injuries found it would seem probable at least that the presence of the alkali is almost essential to the production of the injury. On the whole, therefore, fear that spraying fruit trees in New England may result in injury to, or the death of the trees, is not supported by evidence. Of course, if spraying is not done in accordance with ordinary methods no one could predict the result, but under the usual conditions no harm should be done by it.

**BORDEAUX MIXTURE.**  
Solution of Lime and Copper Sulphate Can Be Mixed on Farm.

Prof. R. J. Damon says that spraying potatoes is just as essential as feeding the dairy cow. Therefore, if the farmer is to get the best results, he should plan on spraying his potatoes thoroughly. This will mean that at least four or five sprayings for the season will be necessary. When a large acreage of potatoes is grown on the farm the making of this mixture at home should be considered, as the making of it is a simple matter. It only requires the dissolving of five pounds of copper sulphate, the slaking of five pounds of caustic or building lime and diluting with 50 gallons of water.

To get a thorough mixture, one that will stay in solution well, it is best to dissolve the copper sulphate in five gallons of water, the same amount with the caustic lime and pour them both at the same time through a strainer into the spray barrel. It is often made by pouring one solution into the other, but one is liable to have trouble unless vigorous stirring is given while mixing the two solutions.

The cost of these materials when made at home will be much less than when bought ready mixed. Should one have various insects trouble the potatoes, four pounds of arsenate of lead, thoroughly dissolved and diluted should be added to the 50 gallons of water.

At least four or five sprayings should be made each season, and to do this with a regular mixture of Bordeaux one would require about 25 pounds of builders' lime for each acre. For the first two sprayings 50 gallons of spraying solution will be sufficient to spray this area, but after later growth has taken place a larger amount of spray will be necessary. From 70 to 80 gallons of this spraying solution will be required to spray thoroughly in addition the amount of arsenate of lead that is necessary. It will depend upon the presence of the potato bug or insects. For the first and last sprayings it will probably not be necessary to have the arsenate of lead added, but for the other sprayings it would be wise to add to it if there are even a small number of beetles present.

**BUD SPRAY.**  
Should Be Applied After Leaves Come Out and Before Buds Open.

It is high time that farmers and others made preparations to apply the bud spray. This bud spraying is applied after the leaves come out, but before the blossom bud open enough to show quite white or pink. This spray is for apple, peach, green apple, tent caterpillar, plum and apple poecilia, curculionid and bud moth. It is very important that the spray be applied at this time in order to do effective work.

**HOW'S THIS?**  
We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the system.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

**NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE,**  
Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Testimonials: "I have been afflicted with Catarrh of the bladder for several years and have tried many remedies but have not been able to get any relief. I have now taken Hall's Family Pills for constipation and I feel much better."

**Some Forms of Rheumatism Curable.**  
Rheumatism is a disease characterized by pains in the joints and in the muscles. The most common forms are: Acute and chronic rheumatism, rheumatic headache, sciatic rheumatism and lumbago. All of these types can be helped absolutely by applying some good liniment that penetrates. An application of Sloan's Liniment two or three times a day to the affected part will give instant relief. Sloan's Liniment is good for pain, and especially rheumatic pain, because it penetrates to the seat of the trouble, soothes the afflicted part and draws the pain. "Sloan's Liniment is all medicine." Get a 25c bottle now. Keep it handy in case of emergency.

**WILLIAM LYON,**  
A WITNESS IN  
T. R. LIBEL SUIT

William Lyon, president of the J. B. Lyon company, one of the three printing concerns which enjoyed state printing and in which Mr. Barnes was charged with having been interested, was one of the witnesses in the suit for libel brought by Mr. Barnes against the J. B. Lyon company. Mr. Lyon brought to this city several trunks of books and papers. He produced the stock book, which showed that Mr. Barnes, up to 1912, owned 150 shares in the company. Dividends of 5 per cent. were paid at frequent intervals in 1910 and 1911.

tent to prove conclusively that the good stand was due to the peas but indications would seem to point that way. A farmer on the Encampment Valley who sowed a field of alfalfa in the spring of 1913 under directions from this station reported alfalfa seed sown after peas, April 1st gave a good cutting of hay, August 10th.

**BRANFORD FARM HENS**  
THIRD IN LIST.  
Results of Twenty-fifth Week at Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station.

In the twenty-fifth week of the laying contest at Storrs the hens laid 163 eggs more than for the preceding period, or a total of 3957 for the week. The following shows how fifteen pens representing four varieties, namely: Rocks, Reds, Wyandottes, and Leghorns, ranked in the contest for the week.

Tom Barron, Leghorns, England, 57; Jas. V. Thomas, Leghorns, New York, 55; Branford Farm, White Rocks, 54; Storrs Station, Leghorns, (Exp. Pen) 53; Dictograph P. M. Leghorns, New York, 53; Tom Barron, Wyandottes, England, 53; Storrs Station, Leghorns, (Exp. Pen) 52; N. Hendry, Leghorns, Conn., 52; Branford Farm, Leghorns, Conn., 52; H. P. Deming, R. I. Reds, Conn., 51; Storrs Station, P. M. Reds, Mass., 51; Haplich & Danks Leghorns, New York, 51; A. S. Son-deregger, Leghorns, Conn., 51; Neale Bros., Wyandottes, R. I., 50; S. J. Rogers, Leghorns, New York, 50.

The amount of grain consumed by a hen is of course a vital and interesting part of the contest, and has been pointed out in these columns that the records at the laying contest show that an average hen will eat less than one pound of grain in the course of a year. With one or two of the breeds in the competition correlation tables have been worked out which seem to indicate that there is no apparent relationship between the amount of grain a pen consumes and the number of eggs they lay. On the other hand, there appears to be a very high correlation between the amount of mash consumed by the pen and the number of eggs produced. Thus the pens that consumed the largest amount of mash laid the greatest number of eggs. If the mash were only as palatable then the feeding of grain would be a very simple matter. It happens, however, that hens in general are fonder of hard grain and so it is necessary for a feeder to be careful on this account. It is important that he so regulate the amount of grain as to induce the hens to consume nearly or quite as much mash as they do of grain.

The ten leading pens to date are as follows: Ed Cam, Houghton, near Preston, Eng., White Wyandottes, 888; Riverview Poultry Farm, St. Albans, Vt., Rhode Island Reds, 848; Tom Barron, Catfirth, near Preston, Eng., White Wyandottes, 811; A. P. Robinson, Calverton, N. Y., White Leghorns, 852; Fincrest, Orono, Me., Rhode Island Reds, 826; Merritt M. Clark, Brookfield Center, Conn., Barred Rocks, 821; Storrs Station, (Exp. Pen) Rhode Island Reds, 798; F. M. Peasley, Cheshire, Conn., White Leghorns, 794; Springdale Poultry Farm, Durham, Rhode Island, Red, land Reds, 793; Tom Barron, Catfirth, Eng., White Leghorns, 783.

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## NO REASON FOR IT

When Norwich Citizens Show a Way

There can be no reason why any reader of this who suffers the tortures of an aching back, the annoyance of urinary disorders, the pains and dangers of kidney ills will fail to heed the words of a neighbor who has found relief. Read what a Norwich citizen says:

Mrs. Mary Neff, 465 Main St., Norwich, says: "For many years one of my family was subject to attacks of kidney complaint. He suffered from pains across his loins and at times could scarcely get about on account of his back being so stiff and lame. The kidney secretions were irregular in passage and often contained sediment. Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at N. D. Sevin & Son's Drug Store, proved of benefit from the first and soon every symptom of kidney complaint disappeared. I willingly confirm all I said in praise of Doan's Kidney Pills in the statements I gave a few years ago. Nothing has occurred to change my high opinion of this remedy."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

**Whole Family Dependent.**  
Mr. E. Williams, Hamilton, Ohio, writes: "Our whole family depend on Pine-Tar-Honey." Maybe someone in your family has a severe cold—perhaps it is the baby. The original Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is an ever ready household remedy—it gives immediate relief. Pine-Tar-Honey penetrates the linings of the throat and lungs, destroys the germs, and allows nature to act. At your druggists, 25c.